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SUBJ: CONVERSATION WITH FOREIGN SECRETARY RABASA: UNGA SEVENTH
SPECIAL SESSION

REF: MEXICO 7743

1. IN OUR CONVERSATION ON AUGUST 30, RABASA SAID HE THOUGHT THE ATMOSPHERE FOR THE SEVENTY SPECIAL SESSION WAS CORDIAL AND CONSTRUCTIVE AND HE HOPED TO HELP KEEP IT THAT WAY. HE (LIKE MANY OTHER MEXICANS AND DIPLOMATS) WAS PLEASED AND REASSURED BY NY TIMES STORY TO EFFECT THAT US POSITION WILL BE MORE FORTHCOMING TOWARD THE THIRD WORLD AT THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION. HE HOPED THIS WOULD PROVE TRUE AS IT WAS INCREDIBLE THAT US, WHICH HISTORICALLY HAD BEEN SUCH A LEADER AND SUCH A FORCE FOR COMPASSION, SHOULD NOW FIND ITSELF ALMOST ISOLATED AND IN THE SEEMINGLY SELFISH POSITION OF DEFENDING THE POSITIONS OF THE RICH AGAINST THE ASPIRATIONS OF THE POOR AND NEEDY OF THE WORLD. HE AGREED WITH MY CAUTIONS RE THE NEED FOR UNDERSTANDING US ATTEMPTS TO PROTECT ITS OWN LEGITIMATE INTERESTS IN A CERDS-LIKE SITUATION, WHICH CALLED ON US FOR ALL DUTIES BUT ENTITLED US TO NO RIGHTS.

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2. AS REGARDS CERDS, HE SAID HE WOULD PURPOSELY ENDEAVOR THAT IT NOT EVEN BE BROUGHT UP AT THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION, AS HE WISHED TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO AVOID CERDS IN ANY WAY BECOMING AN ELEMENT OF CONFRONTATION AT THIS SESSION, WHOSE "AMBIENTE" SEEMED SO PROMISING.

3. CERDS WILL, OF COURSE, ACCORDING TO ITS OWN PROVISIONS BE RAISED AT THE THIRTIETH REGULAR SESSION OF THE UNGA, AND MEXICO HOPED THAT FURTHER PROGRESS COULD BE MADE IN GETTING SUPPORT FROM THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. IN THIS CONNECTION, WHEN RABASA RECENTLY VISITED LONDON HE URGED ENNALS AND CALLAHAN TO CONTRIBUTE IDEAS WHICH MIGHT HELP TO CLOSE THE GAP ON CERDS BETWEEN THE DC'S AND THE LDC'S. THEY SEEMED RECEPTIVE AND PROMISED TO GIVE HIM A MEMO ON THIS IN NEW YORK. HE HOPED THE USG WOULD GIVE SIMILAR CONSTRUCTIVE THOUGH TO THIS MATTER.
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